Episode 11: Response

MAKING A BULWARK OUT OF THE TITANS THEMSELVES WAS THE TECHNICAL CREW'S IDEA...

THEY'RE STICKING TO THOSE HAR-POONS ALL RIGHT.

FWOOOO

OR THE COLOSSUS TITAN COULD POP UP OUT OF NOWHERE.

THE TITANS COULD CHARGE ...

WE HAVE TO FORGET REGULAR OPERATIONS AND BE READY TO RESPOND FLEXIBLY TO WHATEVER HAPPENS.

STILL, WE CAN'T LET OUR GUARD DOWN.

FWOOOO

...NOTHING.

WHAT'S WRONG?

...

BUT... I'M WORRIED ABOUT OUR COMRADES IN THE VANGUARD.

OUR MISSION'S GOING SMOOTH-LY...

OOOO

THIS WALL IS THE FRONT LINE OF THE WAR BETWEEN THE HUMAN RACE AND THE TITANS...

WE SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON THE COUNTER-ATTACK, JUST LIKE WE DID DURING INITIAL TRAINING...

FOR NOW, IT'S BETTER WE DON'T KNOW HOW THEY'RE DOING...

YEAH...

I TALK TOO MUCH...

I BEG YOUR PARDON, SIR...

...

YEAH...

THEY'RE ON THE FRONT LINE, TOO...

I HEARD THE THREE KIDS WHO ESCAPED WITH YOU FIVE YEARS AGO ARE TRAINEES, CAPTAIN HANNES.

EACH ONE OF THEM HAS SOMETHING THAT'LL HELP 'EM SURVIVE.

THEY'RE TOUGH KIDS.

EH...?

THEY'RE SAFE.

MangaFire.to

AND ONE IS WHIP-SMART...

ONE HAS A TENACIOUS SPIRIT.

ONE POSSESSES ADVANCED LEVEL COMBAT SKILLS.

I'M SURE THEY'RE ALL ALIVE.

THEY'RE SAFE.

FWOOOOOOOOO

GET FULLY EQUIPPED AND STAND BY IN SQUAD FORMATION UNTIL FURTHER ORDERS!

TRAIN-EES!!

...OH MY GOSH ...

SO THAT'S HOW WE MANAGED TO GET OUR HANDS ON THE GAS...

WEREN'T YOU THE ONE WHO JUMPED DOWN AND SAID YOU WERE GOING TO TELL EVERY-ONE?

AFTER EVERY-THING WE WENT THROUGH TO SECURE THAT GAS...

I'M SORRY... I KEPT VOLUNTEER-ING TO HELP WITH SUPPLYING EVERYONE...

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...
YEAH.

...

TH--THEN EVERYONE WHO ISN'T HERE RIGHT NOW IS...

MM?

ARE YOU SURE? EVEN MIKASA?

JEAN... DON'T TELL ME MIKASA WAS INJURED ...?

NO... I THOUGHT MIKASA GOT BACK LATE WITH JEAN AND THE OTHERS...

GULP ゴクッ

...

I CAN'T SAY ANY-THING... WE WERE FORCED TO SWEAR AN OATH OF SEC-RECY.

AL-THOUGH... I DON'T KNOW HOW EFFECTIVE IT'S GONNA BE...

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I'M SURE THE WHOLE HUMAN RACE WILL KNOW ABOUT IT SOON ENOUGH...

IT'S NOT THE KIND OF THING YOU CAN KEEP COVERED UP...

WHAT THE HELL?

YOU WERE ORDERED NOT TO TELL?

UHHH...

...THAT IS, IF THE HUMAN RACE STILL EXISTS BY THEN...

THEY WERE EATEN ALIVE... AND I DIDN'T FEEL ANYTHING! NO SADNESS OR HATE...

I CAN'T FIGHT THE TITANS... MY BUDDIES WERE EATEN RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME...

I CAN'T...

MARCO... I... I'M DONE...

I WAS JUST... INCREDIBLY GRATEFUL THAT IT WASN'T ME...

...UNTIL THE TITANS DEVOUR US!

...WE KEEP FIGHT-ING...

IN SHORT ...

I'VE FIGURED IT OUT! WHAT OUR JOB REALLY IS...

BUT NEXT TIME, IT'LL BE MY TURN...

WE'RE ALL STRUGGLING WITH OUR FEAR...

GET A HOLD OF YOURSELF!! YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONE!

DON'T !!

CHAK

...I'D RATHER DIE HERE!

IF I'M GONNA BE EATEN ALIVE...

EVEN AFTER WHAT SHE WENT THROUGH, SHE'S STILL A PERFECT SOLDIER!

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TWITCH

LOOK AT SASHA!

FWIP

...

NO!

CHAK

THAT'S IT!

FWIP

CAN YOU PUT ME DOWN ...AS INJUR-ED?

UM... MY STOM-ACH IS KILLING ME...

AGGGH!

!!

BOOM

THAT CAME FROM INSIDE THE WALL!

MURMUR MURMUR

HEY!

JUST ONE SHOT ?

CANNON FIRE?!

...!

IT CAN'T BE... STEAM COMING OFF A TITAN?!

STILL... WHAT'S ALL THAT SMOKE ?!

NAH, THAT'S THE MOST FORTIFIED SPOT. THERE'S NO WAY... I'M SURE SOMEONE JUST DROPPED AN EXPLOSIVE.

HAS THE FLOOD-GATE BEEN DE-STROY-ED?!

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REINER!

THUD

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GUK

FWISH

FWISH

HEY!

WHERE ARE YOU--?!

FWISH

...

FGGG

WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON DOWN THERE?!

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WHFF

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SNAP SNAP

SNAP

HUFF

NFF !!

HUFF

HUFF

WHAT THE HELL ...?!

IT-- IT'S HOT...

FSSSSSS

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WE'RE INSIDE OF A HUMONGOUS SKELETON?!

IT'S HOT ...!

THERE WAS AN AWFUL NOISE, AND THEN AN IMPACT AND...

...ALL I REMEMBER IS HEARING THE CANNON SHOT...

THAT'S ALL WE NEED TO KNOW FOR NOW.

EREN... PROTECTED US...

FOOOOOOOM

EREN ?!

...

ARE YOU GUYS OKAY?!

CHE

HEY!

BUT THIS THING IS GONNA VAPORIZE, JUST LIKE A TITAN'S CORPSE DOES! WE NEED TO GET AWAY FROM IT!

WHA-TS--

I HAVE NO IDEA!

GUH

AND AFTER SHOWING THEM THAT, I'M NOT SO SURE WE CAN TALK OUR WAY OUT OF THIS.

...THEY'LL RESUME THE ATTACK.

FOR THE MOMENT, THE GARRISON SOLDIERS CAN'T SEE US...BUT EVENTU-ALLY...

I DON'T KNOW IF THEY'RE WAITING TO SEE WHAT HAPPENS ...OR IF THEY'RE JUST STUNNED...

THE BASEMENT ROOM BACK AT MY HOUSE! MY DAD TOLD ME I'D UNDERSTAND EVERYTHING IF I WENT THERE...

THE BASE-MENT ROOM!

...?!

I DID REMEMBER ONE THING, THOUGH ...

WHAT-EVER'S IN THAT ROOM MIGHT EXPLAIN WHAT THE TITANS ARE, TOO!

HE'S ALSO THE REASON I'M LIKE **THIS...**

FWOOSH

WHY DID HE HAVE TO HIDE IT...?

RMBL

EREN?

BAM

SHIT!

AND MY DAD WAS KEEPING IT STOWED AWAY IN THE BASEMENT?! WHAT THE HELL WAS HE THINKING?!

RUMBLE

ISN'T THAT INFORMATION HUMANITY'S LAST HOPE...? WHAT THE SURVEY CORPS HAS KEPT SEARCHING FOR, EVEN AT THE COST OF THOUSANDS OF LIVES?!

...YEAH...

RIGHT NOW, WE HAVE TO FOCUS.

EREN!

AND WHERE'S HE BEEN THESE LAST FIVE YEARS?! WHAT'S HE DOING?! WHY DID HE LEAVE US...?!

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I'M... GOING TO GO AWAY.

FWOOSH

GRUMBLE

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HOW?

WHERE WILL YOU GO?

FWOOOO

...AFTER BECOMING A TITAN ONE MORE TIME.

OOOO

THEN I HAVE TO GET OVER THE WALL AND FIND MY OLD BASE-MENT...

FOR NOW, ANYWHERE WILL DO.

JUST LIKE YOU CAN'T EXPLAIN HOW YOU MAKE YOUR ARMS MOVE...

I DON'T KNOW HOW I'M DOING IT... BUT I THINK I CAN.

...

CAN YOU DO THAT ?!

THAT'S WHY THAT BODY HAD NO REAL FUNCTIONALITY OR DURABILITY AND JUST CRUMBLED.

EARLIER, I WAS JUST THINKING THAT I WANTED TO PROTECT YOU FROM THE ARTILLERY FIRE.

I BET EREN DOESN'T KNOW THE ANSWER TO THAT HIMSELF RIGHT NOW...

IS EREN A TITAN...? OR DOES HE MAKE A TITAN APPEAR AND THEN CONTROL IT...?

* 50 FEET

HUFF

I'LL BECOME A 15-METER* CLASS, THE SAME KIND I WAS BEFORE WHEN I WAS KICKING THOSE TITANS' ASSES!

HUFF

THIS TIME, I'LL TRY FOR A MORE POWERFUL ONE...

MangaFire.to

THAT THING YOU DO OBVIOUSLY SCREWS UP YOUR BODY...!

YOU LOOK PALE AND YOUR BREATH-ING'S RAGGED...

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EREN! YOUR NOSE IS BLEED-ING...

I'VE ALREADY CAUSED YOU ENOUGH TROUBLE, SO FROM HERE ON OUT, I'M GOING TO GO IT ALONE.

OOO

AS LONG AS YOU TWO DON'T TRY TO COVER FOR ME... THEY WON'T KILL YOU.

I HAVE TWO IDEAS.

RIGHT NOW...I DON'T GIVE A DAMN IF I'M IN BAD SHAPE... ANYWAY...

EREN...

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NO ...!

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FORGET IT. I'M LEAVING YOU HERE.

I'M GOING WITH YOU.

THAT'S ENOUGH, I SAID! I'M NOT YOUR KID OR YOUR LITTLE BROTHER...

BUT I DON'T HAVE TO DO WHAT YOU SAY.

IF I CAN'T KEEP UP WITH YOU, YOU DON'T NEED TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT ME.

MIKASA'S SENSES ARE QUICKER THAN A STRAY CAT'S. SHE WOULD'VE NOTICED THEM MOVING IN.

IT LOOKS LIKE THE GARRISON ISN'T MOVING TO ENGAGE US IN CLOSE COMBAT...

IT'LL PROBABLY TAKE THEM AT LEAST ANOTHER 20 SECONDS BEFORE THEY CAN RELOAD THE CANNON...

I'M SURE EREN WILL ALREADY BE GONE BY THEN...

BECAUSE THIS IS THE END FOR US...?

WHY WOULD I THINK OF THAT AT A TIME LIKE THIS...?

...I'M NOTHING BUT A COWARD.

AND EVEN AT THE END...

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...BUT NOT ONCE DID I RETURN THE FAVOR.

THOSE TWO RESCUED ME FROM TROUBLE SO MANY TIMES...

HOW COULD I SAY, "I'M COMING, TOO?" I'M NOT EVEN SURE I COULD KEEP UP...

WHAT GIVES ME THE RIGHT TO CALL THEM "FRIENDS?"

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THE THREE OF US...

AFTER THIS...

...BE TOGETHER AGAIN.

...WILL PROBABLY NEVER...

BUT I WANT ARMIN TO MAKE THE FINAL CALL.

I TOLD YOU THE LAST RESORT I CAME UP WITH TO HELP WITH THIS DECISION.

WAIT, MIKASA.

EREN! I--

I SAID I HAD TWO IDEAS, DIDN'T I...?

IT MAY SOUND IMPOS-SIBLE ...

IT'D BE MOST EFFECTIVE IF I COULD USE THIS TITAN POWER STRATEGICALLY, ALONGSIDE THE ARMY.

EVEN I REALIZE MY PLAN ISN'T REALISTIC.

WHA ...?

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...I'LL BELIEVE YOU AND STAY.

...BUT ARMIN, IF YOU TELL ME YOU CAN CONVINCE THE GARRISON THAT I'M NO THREAT TO THEM...

...I'LL FOLLOW THROUGH ON MY "LAST RESORT."

BUT IF YOU DON'T THINK YOU CAN DO THAT...

I'LL RESPECT YOUR OPINION EITHER WAY.

OR CAN'T YOU?

CAN YOU?

JUST DECIDE IN THE NEXT 15 SECONDS.

WHY ARE YOU ENTRUSTING ME WITH SUCH AN IMPORTANT DECISION?

EREN.

WHEN HAVE I EVER ...?

I WANT TO RELY ON THAT.

BECAUSE WHEN THINGS ARE MESSED UP, YOU ALWAYS FIGURE OUT THE RIGHT THING TO DO.

...MIKASA AND I WOULD'VE BEEN DEVOURED BY A TITAN.

IF YOU HADN'T GOTTEN MR. HANNES...

A BUNCH OF TIMES.

TAKE FIVE YEARS AGO...

ARMIN
...

IF YOU HAVE AN IDEA ...

...I HAVE FAITH IN IT, TOO.

I HAD JUST...

...CONVINCED MYSELF.

CONVINCED MYSELF THAT I WAS POWERLESS...

THAT I WAS A BURDEN...

...DIDN'T THINK OF ME THAT WAY.

...BUT THESE TWO...

THESE TWO ARE PUTTING THEIR LIVES IN MY HANDS...

THEY...

WHAT OTHER EVIDENCE DO I NEED?

...ANYONE ELSE IN THE WORLD.

ARMIN

...

...TRUST ME MORE THAN...

I SWEAR I'LL CONVINCE THEM!

YOU TWO DO YOUR BEST TO SHOW THEM YOU DON'T INTEND TO RESIST!

DASH

EREN HAS BEEN TRAPPED FROM THE MOMENT HE TURNED INTO A TITAN AND STARTED FIGHTING...

CLATTER

CLATTER

...?!

...I HAVE TO DO THIS! I'LL THINK WHILE I SPEAK!

AND I STILL HAVEN'T COLLECTED MY THOUGHTS, BUT...

STOP RIGHT THERE!

CHFF

CHFF

YOU!

HE REVEALED HIS TRUE FORM BEFORE OUR EYES! THERE'S NOTHING LEFT TO BE SAID!

IT'S MEAN-INGLESS TO BEG FOR YOUR LIVES!

WE WISH TO DISCLOSE ALL OF THE KNOWL-EDGE WE ACQUIRED ABOUT THE TITANS!

HE ISN'T AN ENEMY OF THE HUMAN RACE!

THERE'S NO NEED FOR PROOF!

IF YOU CAN'T DO THAT, I WILL ELIMINATE THE THREAT!

IF YOU CLAIM HE'S NOT A TITAN, SHOW ME PROOF!

ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR MIND?!

FIRST OF ALL, HOW WE SEE HIM ISN'T THE ISSUE!

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AND THEY MUST'VE SEEN THE TITANS IN THE AREA ALL GANGING UP ON HIM!

IN THAT CASE, THEY MUST HAVE SEEN HIM FIGHTING THE TITANS!

YOU SAID EVERY-ONE SAW HIM!

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NO MATTER HOW LONG WE THINK ABOUT THIS, THAT TRUTH STILL STANDS!

IN OTHER WORDS, THE TITANS SAW HIM AS **PREY**, JUST LIKE US!

DUNN

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WOOOO

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MURMUR

OOOO

THE GUY MIGHT ACTUALLY BE ON OUR SIDE...

HE'S GOT A POINT ...

Manga Fire.to

WHA ...?!

THEIR BEHAVIOR HAS ALWAYS BEEN BEYOND OUR UNDER-STANDING!

DON'T BE TAKEN IN BY THIS CLEVER TRAP!

PRE-PARE TO COUNTER-ATTACK!

FWSH

BUZZ

I'M SAYING THEY COULD HAVE THE ABILITY TO TURN INTO HUMANS!

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FWWOOOOOO

BUT WE CAN'T LET THEM GET AWAY WITH IT ANY LONGER!

MIKA-SA ...

EREN ...

FWSH

HE'S... TOO SCARED TO THINK! ...

NO GOOD... HE'S GIVEN UP THINKING IT ALTOGETHER...

IF MY LIFE ENDS WHILE KEEPING THAT VOW, I HAVE NO COM-PLAINTS!

AS A SOLDIER, I VOWED LONG AGO TO DEDICATE MY HEART TO THE RECOVERY OF THE HUMAN RACE!

...IT MIGHT EVEN BE POSSIBLE TO RECAPTURE THIS TOWN!

BUT IF YOU COMBINE HIS "TITAN POWER" WITH OUR REMAINING MILITARY FORCE...

...I WILL FOLLOW REGULA-TIONS!

NO MATTER HOW HE BEGS...

SHF

AND THOSE WHO VIOLATE REGULATIONS WILL BE ELIMINAT-ED!

LET ME EXPLAIN HIS STRATE-GIC VALUE!

FWOOO

FOR THE GLORY OF THE HUMAN RACE, I BEG YOU! IN THE MOMENTS I HAVE LEFT BEFORE I DIE!

STAND DOWN.

GRAB

Fwish

CAN'T YOU SEE HOW MAGNIFICENT THAT BOY'S SALUTE IS?

YOU NEVER CHANGE. FOR A MAN YOUR SIZE, YOU'RE AS DELICATE AS A FAWN.

MangaFire.to

I JUST ARRIVED, BUT THE SITUATION WAS RELAYED TO ME BY A RIDER.

COMMANDER PIXIS...!

CHFF

AS OF THIS MOMENT, I'M PUTTING YOU IN COMMAND OF THE REINFORCE-MENTS.

CHFF

...TO LISTEN TO WHAT THESE KIDS HAVE TO SAY.

OOOOO

...IT WOULD BE WORTH OUR WHILE...

OOO

I HAVE A FEEL-ING...

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ATTACK
ON TITAN